

## House Resolution 1236

By: Representatives Stovall of the 74<sup>th</sup>, Jones of the 25<sup>th</sup>, Cantrell of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Davis of the 87<sup>th</sup>, Mathiak of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing February 21, 2020, as Georgia Election Officials and Registrars Day at the state  
2 capitol; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Voter Registrar's Association of Georgia (VRAG) was established in 1969  
4 for the purpose of educating, assisting, and communicating the Georgia Election Code to  
5 registrars throughout the State of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the Georgia Election Officials Association (GEOA) was established in 1985 for  
7 the purpose of educating, assisting, and communicating the Georgia Election Code to all  
8 election officials and probate judges serving as election superintendents throughout the State  
9 of Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, it is a registrar's responsibility to register individuals to vote, to keep records  
11 of these individuals, and to issue absentee ballots; and

12 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of election superintendents and probate judges to conduct  
13 elections and maintain voting equipment; and

14 WHEREAS, both VRAG and GEOA meet annually at conferences that are organized by the  
15 University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government and have their own executive  
16 boards that provide guidance and plans for training material for these conferences; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2017, VRAG and GEOA voted to combine and become a joined association  
18 with the majority of Georgia counties combining boards in their individual counties; and

19 WHEREAS, recognizing the vital importance elections play in the foundation of any  
20 democratic system of governance, current voting machines will be replaced with new  
21 electronic voting machines, completely replacing the system in time for the March 2020  
22 Georgia presidential primary; and

23 WHEREAS, election officials and registration officials pledge to freedom and democracy  
24 and uphold strict and high standards of conduct within their profession so that the public may  
25 have due confidence in them while exercising their right to vote; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the hard work and high standards of all  
27 election officials and registrars in the State of Georgia be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
29 the members of this body recognize February 21, 2020, as Georgia Election Officials and  
30 Registrars Day at the state capitol.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
33 Voter Registrar's Association of Georgia and the Georgia Election Officials Association.